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Dear Garrison,

The other day I had a nice letter from R. D. Webb. - He was still hoping to see you, (& me) this summer, and he ~~thought~~ thinks the reason, about F. Douglas being there, doesn't amount to much, - I mean as one thing deterring you from going. - He speaks of D's return home - says he has heard that he carried home £500. with him. - Geo. Thompson had been in Dublin, & made much of there. G. T. thought that F. Douglas had another reason, beside the assigned one of his daughter's death, for going home, - viz. that he had damaged his own position by the fierceness of his reply to Thompson in the discussion at Glasgow on the Am. Constitution. I quote now from Webb's letter: "By next mail I hope to send you a copy of a* pamphlet containing G. T.'s speech, revised & corrected; Douglas's reply taken down by reporters, who will swear to its accuracy, and which is as ferocious a piece of eloquence as I have ever seen,; and Thompson's Rejoinder, in which (as Quincy w^d say) D. "gets his gruel" - the whole forming the clearest and completest manual on the subject, for Englishmen, I have ever seen - and the most complete exposé of Douglas's real character, for ability, malignity, & unscrupulousness."

Webb says of G. T. - "He is really delightful, and I do not wonder that people are fascinated by him. If he had got a wife worthy of him, who would have kept him comfortable and trim, and supplied his deficiency of a proper sense of the value of money,

* If such a pamphlet has come, or shall come, for me, please ask Mr. Wallcut to mail it to me.

he would have been a great man, as well as a good fellow. He is true to the cause, and its friends; and no man is better suited for our platforms on this subject. His knowledge, his industry, and his systematic comprehension of the whole question are admirable & enviable."

Now, Thompson being in so good heart, & with health so far restored, the question urged upon our Comtee by S. J. May when he returned from England, seems to ~~return~~ come up with increased force, - Should we not (i.e. the Ex: Com: of the Am: Soc'y) give him at least a temporary appointment to represent us in England, attaching to it some compensation - say one year and £250. (about $1200?) Webb says not a word on the subject, nor as to how G. T. now supports himself.

I hope the Comtee may feel it right & best to act in this matter.

Very truly Yours

Sam'l May Jr